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SERIAL NO.:           09/831,658                           GROUP:           3618  
FILED:                MAY 11, 2001  
FOR:                 FLEXIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN SPORTS DEVICE AND SHOE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

MAIL STOP AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office letter of May 18, 2004, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 7.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11.